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Reversibly Expandable Energy Absorbing  
Assembly Utilizing Shape Memory Foams for  
Impact Management and methods for Operating the Same

Examiner: n/a

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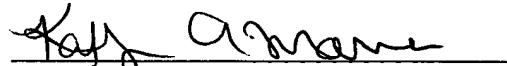
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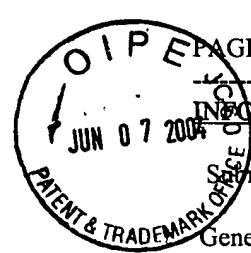
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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| Document Number | Date   | Country | Class | Subclass | Translation<br>Yes   No |
|-----------------|--------|---------|-------|----------|-------------------------|
| 4-76274         | 3/1992 | Japan   |       |          | X                       |
| 7-42893         | 2/1995 | Japan   |       |          | X                       |
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

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